

11.—Mothers' Allowances by Province as at Mar. 31, 1954-55

Province and Year	Families Assisted	Children Assisted	Benefits Paid	Province and Year	Families Assisted	Children Assisted	Benefits Paid
	No.	No.	\$		No.	No.	\$
Newfoundland—				Ontario—			
1954.....	3,031	8,204	1,227,696	1954.....	7,059	15,896	6,219,337
1955.....	3,152	8,605	1,324,438	1955.....	7,294	16,496	6,545,452
P. E. Island—				Manitoba—			
1954.....	224	572	66,413	1954.....	1,099	2,848	1,006,507
1955.....	237	611	73,250	1955.....	1,202	3,131	1,131,897
Nova Scotia—				Saskatchewan—			
1954.....	2,313	5,975	1,444,934	1954.....	2,272	5,925	1,217,309
1955.....	2,077	5,522	1,504,575	1955.....	2,397	6,359	1,252,019
New Brunswick—				Alberta—			
1954.....	2,096	6,059	1,273,836	1954.....	1,609	3,632	1,112,803
1955.....	2,087	..	1,301,900	1955.....	1,719	3,904	1,198,414
Quebec—				British Columbia—			
1954.....	19,403	56,269	7,621,430	1954.....	426	953	247,046
1955.....	20,024	58,070	7,956,309	1955 ²	393	900	225,000

¹ Not including \$140,873 and an estimated \$176,000 paid as supplementation from social allowance funds in 1954 and 1955 respectively.

² Estimated.

Subsection 2.—Provincial Welfare Services

The care and protection of neglected and dependent children, care of the aged, social assistance or relief, and other special welfare services are governed by provincial legislation although in many areas responsibility for services rests with municipal or voluntary organizations. Though the programs and the methods of financing vary considerably most provinces share the costs of some or all of the municipal services in organized areas and assume the total cost in unorganized territories. The medical services available to social assistance recipients are described at pp. 236-248, mothers' allowances are dealt with in the immediately preceding subsection, old age assistance at pp. 284-285, allowances for the blind at pp. 285-287 and allowances for totally and permanently disabled persons at pp. 287-288. The social assistance or relief programs described in the following summary are those in effect prior to any agreements which may be made as a result of federal-provincial discussions on unemployment aid (see p. 283).

Newfoundland.—Provincial welfare services are administered by the Department of Public Welfare through a number of regional welfare centres.

Child Care and Protection.—Child welfare has developed largely as a public service and is administered by the Child Welfare Division. Neglected children, made wards of the Director, are placed in foster or adoptive homes or in institutions. The Department pays for the maintenance of wards, grants subsidies for children admitted to orphanages administered by religious organizations, and contributes towards the cost of educating blind and deaf-mute children in institutions outside the Province. The Division operates an Infants' Home, providing short term care.

The Division of Corrections, established in 1953, deals with juvenile delinquents and adult offenders and administers correctional institutions for boys and girls. The Corrections Act, 1953 provides for the establishment of a Youth Guidance Authority, an Adult Guidance Authority and classification centres.

Care of the Aged.—The Province maintains a Home for the Aged and Infirm at St. John's and also pays in whole or in part the cost of maintaining needy old people in the Salvation Army Home, in licensed boarding homes or in private homes.